City of Lafayette
Action Agenda
Parks Subcommittee
Regular Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Lafayette Community Center, Alder Room
500 Saint Mary's Road, Lafayette, California

1) Call to Order 7:00 pm

Called to order by Park Subcommittee Chair Dougherty at 7:02pm.

2) Roll Call

Present: Dixon, Dougherty, and Robinson

Absent: Singer

Staff: Director Katayanagi

3) Adoption of Agenda

Motion to Adopt Dixon; Second Robinson. Approved by unanimous Parks Subcommittee voice vote, Singer absent.

4) Action Agenda

Motion to approve Action Agenda for February 26, 2025, as amended, Robinson; Second Dixon. Approved by unanimous Parks Subcommittee voice vote, Singer absent.

5) Public Comments

None.

6) Buckeye Fields Commemorative Plaques Wall Presentation from Lafayette Little League

The Lafayette Little League President, Colby Powell, presented the concept for a commemorative plaque wall at Buckeye Field. The wall is planned to be at least 48 inches tall, with considerations for the slope of the walkway. The plaques that could be placed on the wall are proposed to measure 18 by 24 inches (to match snack shack plaques), positioned away from the grout. Discussions included the construction details, such as the use of split-face blocks and the potential for a serpentine design. Concerns were raised about the wall's height and the possibility of children climbing on it. Various

options for the wall's cap were discussed, including the use of a rounded cap to deter climbing. The cost implications of different cap options were also considered.

Public Comment: Boy Scout Emilio from Troop 203 attended the meeting as part of his citizenship and community badge requirements. He inquired about community issues and was informed about the subcommittee's focus on parks and sports fields.

The commissioners discussed ongoing efforts to make fields more accessible and the challenges of funding parkland acquisition and maintenance.

7) Fields Fees, Applications and Policies

Director Katayanagi provided an update on the development of field fees and policies. A draft report was being reviewed, focusing on market value and cost recovery models. The director emphasized the need for equitable facilities and mentioned ongoing projects, such as scraping infields and turf projects. Two Subcommittee were encouraged to provide feedback on the draft report.

8) Parks Projects and Updates

Status report on recent activity related to park projects, maintenance, sustainability, and operations.

A. Maintenance & Operations

Director Katayanagi reported on various park projects and maintenance updates. Drainage work at Hamlin was completed, and there were no recent complaints from neighbors. The director discussed the challenges of maintaining access to the upper field and the potential for using quarter by fine material for better access. The possibility of acquiring an autonomous mower was also mentioned as a cost-saving measure.

B. Projects

The director shared updates on discussions with East Bay Regional Parks regarding trail connections and bridge replacements near the Two Parks Collaborative Concept. The importance of the bridge and trail connections to the community was emphasized.

Commissioner Dixon inquired about the council's priorities related to parks. The director explained that park-related issues involved fire safety in parks and a need for parks downtown, sharing that the acquisition of parks and maintenance remained important. The need for funding parkland acquisition was highlighted, and the possibility of hosting a fundraiser was discussed.

9) Selection of agenda topics for the next regular meeting and explanation for removing current topics

Same.

10) Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:16 pm.